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In re Application of KAWAKAMI et al :
U.S. Application No.: 09/647,378 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/JP00/00904 :
Int. Filing Date: 17 February 2000 : DECISION
Priority Date Claimed: 17 February 1999 :
Attorney Docket No.: 203222US6PCT :
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING :
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND :
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM :

This is in response to applicant's "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 to Grant a Filing Date" filed 29 June 2007.

BACKGROUND

On 17 February 2000, applicant filed international application PCT/JP00/00904, which claimed priority of an earlier Japan application filed 17 February 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 24 August 2000. The twenty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 17 October 2000.

On 29 September 2000, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 17 October 2000, applicant filed an executed declaration.

On 06 November 2000, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) and a Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration (Form PCT/DO/EO/917).

On 09 November 2000, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903), which indicated 08 November 2000 as the 35 U.S.C 102(e) date and the date of receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements.

On 29 June 2007, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

DISCUSSION

A review of the application file reveals that the declaration filed 17 October 2000 is present.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) and Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration (Form PCT/DO/EO/917) mailed 06 November 2000 is hereby VACATED.

The Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) mailed 09 November 2000 is hereby VACATED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 17 February 2000, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) of 17 October 2000.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision, including preparation and mailing of: (1) a corrected Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) and (2) a corrected filing receipt.

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